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SUBJECT: UNEP: EXECUTIVE DIRECTORSHIP

REF: MOREY-FERGUSON TELCON, JANUARY 7

1. CONFIRMING REFTELCON, MISSION REQUESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE CONTACT REPS OF FOLLOWING MISSIONS AND MAKE POINTS BELOW: AUSTRALIA, CANADA, FRANCE, FRG, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, SWEDEN AND UK.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SYG WALDHEIM IS SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATING OFFERING UNEP EXECUTIVE DIRECTORSHIP TO LATIN AMERICAN CANDIDATE. HE ALSO REPORTEDLY URGING MAURICE STRONG TO ACCEPT EXECUTIVE DIRECTORSHIP OF NEW WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. WE DEEPLY CONCERNED AT THIS REPORT.

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3. WITH UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERALSHIP PASSING TO SENEGALESE, THIS WOULD BE SECOND TIME WITHIN YEAR THAT TOP WEO POSITION IN UN FAMILY HAS PASSED TO CANDIDATE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRY.

4. BEYOND THAT, HOWEVER, US STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT GIVEN NATURE OF UNEP JOB, MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS (I.E., WEO'S) HAVE SPECIAL INTEREST IN PROGRAM AND SHOULD BE GIVEN SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BY SYG IN SELECTION OF STRONG'S SUCCESSOR.

SYG, THEREFORE, SHOULD NOT MORTGAGE UNEP JOB AT THIS STAGE BUT SHOULD GIVE WEO'S FULL OPPORTUNITY TO FIELD QUALIFIED CANDIDATES.

5. IN ANY EVENT, STRONG HAS INFORMED US REPS AND PRESUMABLY OTHERS THAT HE INTENDS TO REMAIN WITH UNEP THROUGH 1975. WE CONSIDER HIS ADHERENCE THIS SCHEDULE AS CRUCIAL TO ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF UNEP IN THIS INITIAL STAGE.

6. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT SYG ON VERGE MAKING IRREVERSIBLE DECISIONS ON BOTH UNEP AND WORLD FOOD COUNCIL POSITIONS. WE BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL, THEREFORE, INTERVENE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH SYG TO MAKE KNOWN FOREGOING POSITION, WHICH WE WISH DO IN CONCERT OTHER LIKEMINDED WEO'S.

7. REQUEST MISSION'S REPORT ON RESULTS CONSULTATIONS SOONEST.

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